

## STATE HEALTH COUNCIL

February 26, 2020

A meeting of the State Health Council was called to order by Chairman Duane Pool at 8:31 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 in Room 212 of the Judicial Wing, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND. Chairman Pool welcomed nursing students that were in attendance.

### Members present:

Duane Pool, Bismarck, Chairman  
Dennis Wolf, Dickinson, Vice Chairman  
Darrold Bertsch, Beulah, Secretary  
James Brosseau, Grand Forks (*teleconference*)  
Genny Dienstmann, Bismarck  
Mike Fedorchak, Bismarck (*teleconference*)  
Tyler Lannoye, Churchs Ferry (*teleconference*)  
Kristin Roers, Fargo

### Members absent:

Torey Saylor, Bismarck

### Staff members present:

Brenda Weisz, Chief Financial Officer  
Tim Wiedrich, Health Resources & Response Section  
Joyal Meyer, Healthy & Safe Communities  
Dr. Joan Connell, Field Medical Officer (*teleconference*)  
Bobbie Will, Primary Care Office  
Pamela Thompson, Recording Secretary

Others present: See ATTACHMENT A

## Minutes

KRISTIN ROERS MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2019 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. SECOND BY DARROLD BERTSCH AND CARRIED.

### Administrative Rules – Innovation and Construction Waivers

Tim Wiedrich presented the proposed amendments to NDAC Sections 33-03-24.1-04, 33-07-03.2-04 and 33-07-04.2-19 regarding innovation and construction waivers. He requested approval and to proceed with a public hearing.

DARROLD BERTSCH MOVED THE APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS FOR AMENDMENTS TO NDAC SECTIONS 33-03-24.1-04, 33-07-03.2-04 AND 33-07-04.2-19, INNOVATION & CONSTRUCTION WAIVERS AND TO HAVE HEALTH FACILITIES IMPACTED BY THESE RULES INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS. SECOND BY DENNIS WOLF.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Lannoye, Pool, Roers and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Saylor—absent.

**Newborn Screening Program Approval to Participate in the Iowa State Hygienic Laboratory Pilot Screening for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)**

Joyal Meyer presented the newborn screening programs request to participate in the Iowa State Hygienic laboratory pilot screening for Spinal Muscular Atrophy and requested the Council's approval. Dr. Joan Connell, Field Medical Officer with the North Dakota Department of Health and Dr. Kari Casas, Metabolic Geneticist with Sanford Health in Fargo were available via teleconference to answer questions from the State Health Council members.

DENNIS WOLF MOVED TO APPROVE THE NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IOWA STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY PILOT SCREENING FOR SPINAL MUSCULAR AROPHY. SECOND BY KRISTIN ROERS.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Lannoye, Pool, Roers and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Saylor—absent.

**Veterinarian Loan Repayment Applications**

Dr. Beth Carlson, State Board of Animal Health, presented the five veterinarian loan repayment applications. The board had reviewed and scored the applications and recommended approval of: Jayme Hendrickson, Jenna Innes and Mariah Jacobs.

KRISTIN ROERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VETERINARIAN LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR JAYME HENDRICKSON, JENNA INNES AND MARIAH JACOBS. SECOND BY GENNY DIENSTMANN.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Lannoye, Pool, Roers and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Saylor—absent.

## **State and Federal Loan Repayment Program Updates**

Bobbie Will reviewed:

- ND National Health Service Corps (NHSC) loan repayment awardee list; and
  - The federal state loan repayment program (SLRP) balance and awardees list;
- Sonja Bauman, MS, Research Specialist with the University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health reviewed:

- GIS Maps of current loan repayment providers for state and SLRP;
- Current loan repayment providers for state and SLRP by provider type;
- Current loan repayment providers for state and SLRP by county; and

Ms. Will reviewed the state loan repayment defaults.

Ms. Will presented a request from Nicole Cross-Hillman, Licensed Psychologist, to continue in the healthcare professional student loan repayment program even though she switched employers. Her new employers are, Sanford Health and Simle Middle School

KRISTIN ROERS MOVED TO NOT ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT AND MOVE THE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT INTO DEFAULT STATUS FOR NICOLE CROSS-HILLMAN, LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST. SECOND BY GENNY DIENSTMANN.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Lannoye, Pool, Roers and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Saylor—absent.

Ms. Will presented a request from Nicola Herting, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, to continue in the healthcare professional student loan repayment program even though she switched employers. Her new employers are, Sanford Health and Treatment Collaborative for Traumatized Youth (TCTY). TCTY will continue to provide the sponsorship match.

GENNY DIENSTMANN MOVED TO AMEND THE CONTRACT THE EMPLOYER CHANGE FOR NICOLA HERTING, PhD, LICENSED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST SINCE SHE WILL STILL BE PRACTICING IN THE SAME SERVICE AREA WITH THE SAME SPONSOR. SECOND BY KRISTIN ROERS.

The Chairman requested a roll call vote and the MOTION CARRIED. Bertsch, Brosseau, Dienstmann, Fedorchak, Lannoye, Pool, Roers and Wolf voted 'aye'. There were no 'nay' votes. Saylor—absent.

### **Section Update**

Tim Wiedrich presented an overview of the Health Resources & Response Section.

### **State Health Officer Update**

Brenda Weisz, Chief Financial Officer provided a State Health Officer updated to the Council which included an updated North Dakota Department of Health organizational chart and the 2021-2023 NDDoH proposed Strategic Initiatives.

Kirby Kruger, Director, Division of Disease Control provided an update on the novel coronavirus or COVID-19.

### **Other Business**

Discussion related to the changes to the reportable conditions that the State Health Council adopted a few months ago and some concerns regarding to the reporting aspect. The NDDoH is currently working with stakeholders on how to best implement the changes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Submitted,



Darrold Bertsch, Secretary

